

## PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU

### NOTICE

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**TO:** All Sworn Personnel

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Bureau

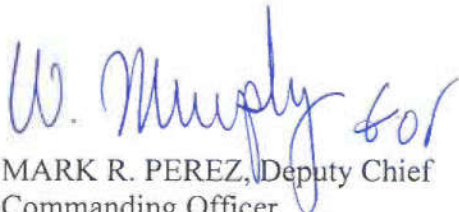
**SUBJECT:** GUIDELINES WHEN RESPONDING TO FIRES IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS

Department personnel may be first responders or asked to provide support for Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) personnel at the scene of a fire. The Department's role at all structure fires is to protect life and support LAFD operations. These guidelines may not apply in all scenarios but the following should be taken into consideration:

- Immediately advise Communications Division if a radio call has not been assigned to you;
- Note the locations of fire hydrants and park all Department vehicles so they do not interfere with LAFD vehicles on scene;
- Warn occupants and if possible, assist with their evacuation;
- Prevent persons, other than first responders, from entering the building;
- Use the stairs to reach the reported fire locations; avoid the use of elevators in case of electrical failure;
- Prior to entering the stairwell, conduct a quick visual inspection to ensure it is smoke free. Stay with a partner during your ascent;
- Advise Communications Division of the specific stairwell you are entering and if possible, mark it;
- Continue to inspect each floor to verify the actual location of the fire;
- When LAFD personnel arrive on scene, provide assistance as requested.

Remember, many high rise buildings within the City of Los Angeles have Emergency Action Plans that are implemented in the event of a fire or other types of emergencies and may have designated Building Emergency Response Teams. Questions regarding this Notice may be directed to Sergeant Bridget Pickett, Personnel and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.

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